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NEWSLETTER

STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION
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SCENE: GREAT FALLS - TIME MAY 10-12, everyone concerned with libraries, books, reading, Montana authors and the printed word, is invited to make the scene when the Montana Library Association holds its annual meeting. The theme is "Live With Books" and our distinguished out-of-state guests will be: Mrs. Grace Stevenson, Deputy Executive Director of the American Library Association; Literary Critic, John Hutchens of the New York Herald Tribune; Donald E. Wright, the newly appointed Executive Secretary of the American Library Trustee Association; and Mrs. Patricia Brown Pond, Assistant Professor of the University of Minnesota Library School. You will hear discussions on book selection, notable books - old and new, formulating policy statements, the teacher and the library, and meet many familiar and outstanding Montana authors. Do make your plans to attend this 50th anniversary conference. It will be the best ever!

THE MONTANA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY appropriated $52,994.00 money from the general fund for each year of the next biennium for the State Library Commission. This is the amount proposed in the Governor's budget and represents an increase of $6,659 over the preceding year. The hope was expressed by all those concerned that more may be done for the State Library in the next biennium, two years hence. Heartfelt thanks go to all good library friends for their efforts in our behalf!

DONALD E. WRIGHT'S appointment as Executive Secretary to the American Library Trustee Association is effective May 1st, and he will also succeed Ronald V. Glens as Executive Secretary of the ALA Reference Services Division. Mr. Wright has been the Director of the Small Libraries Project which terminates May 1st. All but four copies of the pamphlets issued from this project have been mailed to Montana public libraries. The invaluable pamphlets themselves constitute a free course of instruction in library science.

ENTRIES GALORE, the Judges for the two statewide contests for National Library Week have received 2,381 entries. Mrs. Letitia Johnson, Contest Chairman, reports the totals include 1,005 book jacket designs and 1,376 essays on the favorite book read this year. The lucky winners will be announced during the Week, April 21-27, 1963.

MILES CITY REVISITED - Mrs. Virginia Johnson, author of the remarkable biography of General Nelson A. Miles, "Unregimented General" will be guest speaker opening National Library Week in Miles City, April 21, when the Carnegie Public Library receives the $1,000 award for the purchase of baoks given by the Book-of-the-Month Club. She will also speak in Glendive on April 22nd when that library dedicates their new quarters in the County Court House.

KUDOS FROM OPHEIM, Florena Vinal, Readers Services Librarian, received two delightful thank you letters from Sid R. Stewart, Social Studies Teacher at the Opheim High School and from his pupil, Russell Eklund, who has raised a prairie or dusky horned lark. Russell captured the lark which had a broken wing and healed him. He thanked Florena for sending him the information "on him and his kind," enabling him to exhibit the lark at their science fair.

THE BLAINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS presented the Harlem Public Library with a painting of Chief Joseph done by Evelyn C. Cole. An unusual feature of the drawing is a background scene depicting the history and industry of Blaine County.

GREAT BOOKS IN HELENA, on March 4th the Helena Public Library inaugurated a Great Books Program. Librarian, Roger Spillers, announced that a guest speaker would participate at six week intervals.

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MARYWOOD COLLEGE

WHERE THE I. Q'S ARE HIGHER, the following solicitous invitation appeared in the New Yorker for Feb. 16, 1963: "Attention R & D Firms: educational level of personnel is 30% higher in the Washington, D.C. Area. Looking for a site for your firm? Look into the advantages of the National Capitol Area. Write to John Roper, Area Development Consultant, Washington Gas Light Co., Wash. 5, D.C."

ALA APPOINTMENTS: Peggy Anne Sullivan has been appointed Director of the Knapp School Library Project of the American Library Association. The project will be under the supervision of the American Association of School Librarians and a department of the National Education Association.

A NATIONAL PLAN FOR LIBRARY EDUCATION is being planned under the direction of the Library Education Division of ALA. Richard H. Logsdon, Director of Libraries at Columbia University, has accepted the chairmanship of the Commission of about 35 persons.

REMINGTON RAND GRANT, thirty-two colleges in 24 states have been selected to receive furniture and equipment under the terms of a grant made to the Association of College and Research Libraries of ALA. This is the fourth year that Remington Rand has participated in this program. The colleges receiving the awards are privately supported 4 year institutions.

DR. ROBERT HEILBRONER, economist, will be the author of the 5th in the series "Reading for an Age of Change." The pamphlet, Economics, is available from the Public Affairs Committee, Inc., at 22 E. 38th Street, New York 16, N.Y. at 60¢ each.

THE STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION met in Billings, March 19th. The entire Board was present and toured the very attractive quarters of the new Evergreen Branch of the Parmly Billings Memorial Library after the business meeting.

A FIFTEENTH (OR CRYSTAL ANNIVERSARY?) ANNIVERSARY DINNER was held March 30th by the Hill County Friends of the Library. Dancing followed the dinner and congratulations go to Mrs. Marjorie Moores, Librarian, and her very active and public spirited Friends group.

AROUND THE STATE OR 1,800 MILES IN NINE DAYS, State Librarian, Mrs. Ruth O. Longworth, visited the following libraries on her March field trip: Great Falls, Fort Benton, Havre Public and Hill County, Chinook, Harlem, Malta, Glasgow, Wolf Point, Scobey, Plentywood, Medicine Lake, Glendive, Miles City, Forsyth, Billings and Townsend.

1962's NOTABLE BOOKS: Three lists of the outstanding and notable books are available from the ALA Publishing Dept., American Library Assn., 50 East Huron St., Chicago 11, Illinois. They are: Notable Children's Books of 1962; Interesting Adult Books for Young People - 1962; and (for adults) Notable Books of 1962. Write to the address for prices.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST LIBRARY ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT, MERWIN M. MOORES, is sending an invitational letter to all librarians and trustees in Montana to attend an organizational meeting of the PNLA Trustee Division, to be held during the annual conference at Yakima, Washington, August 28-30, 1963.

GOLDEN E. BIBEE, author, composer and friendly caretaker of Flathead Lake State Park has the following charming Montaniana booklets which he will furnish to libraries: Golden Harvest - a gathering of rhymes; Golden Treasures; In the Realm of Flathead Lake; A Peep at People; and Ranch Ramblings. The prices are: 1 full set of 5 books $2.15 postpaid; 2 full sets, 10 books for $4.00 postpaid; one Golden Harvest .30¢ postpaid. His two musical compositions are "Ridin' Alone" and "Montana Means Home to Me."